

Subject: Carlstrom, Gideon  
[her husband]

Carlstrom, Annie, Mrs.  
[Edgewood, RI]

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158 Smith street  
Edgewood, R.I.  
June 19, 1937.

Mr. Robertson  
Curator of the Numismatic Museum  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

One week ago Mr. Gideon Carlstrom, with whom you have been a associated years ago through the common interest in things numismatic, died suddenly and left me his collection of coins, the accumulation of a lifetime.

On several occasions my late husband had mentioned that if the time should arrive, I should turn to you for advice regarding disposal of his collection.

I myself am not at all conversant with coins, their value and market conditions, and would therefore highly appreciate the advice of an expert, of whom Mr. Carlstrom had always spoken with the highest regard.

Would you, dear Mr. Robertson, have the kindness to help me dispose of this collection, which constitutes practically the only asset left to me by my late husband?

Your kind suggestions as to how I should go about this matter will be gratefully appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Annie Carlstrom*

June 22, 1937

Mrs. Gideon Carlstrom,  
158 Smith Street,  
Edgewood, R. I.

Dear Mrs. Carlstrom:

Your letter to Mr. Robertson just at hand. He passed away suddenly on January 22nd.

Although I myself did not know Mr. Carlstrom, I have heard of him. If sometime when you are in town you could come to this Museum, I would be very glad to talk matters over with you and possibly advise you. Not knowing just what your husband had and just what kind of coins he collected, I do not see how I could tell you very much at the present time.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

158 Smith street  
Edgewood, R.I.  
July 4, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,  
Curator,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am referring to your letter of June 22, which I received in response to a letter which I had directed to Mr. Robertson, not knowing that he had passed away in January of this year.

The matter treated in my letter to Mr. Robertson concerned problems in connection with the collection of coins left to me on the death of my husband, Mr. Gideon Carlstrom, and I am, indeed, very grateful to you for your kind offer to advise me regarding a possible disposition of Mr. Carlstrom's collection.

For compelling reasons, I regret that I am not able to follow your suggestion and come to New York to talk matters over with you. Instead, I wish to advise you, that a personal friend of my late husband, Mr. Paul Bienenfeld, of this city, who has been helping me in assorting and listing the coins, will be in New York during the week of July 11, and will be very glad to hear your advice regarding the matter. I would appreciate it very much, if you would advise me, whether you will have an opportunity to see Mr. Bienenfeld during that week, and when it will be most convenient for you to receive him.

The following information may merely serve the purpose of giving you a rough idea regarding the scope of Mr. Carlstrom's collection. There are:

American-- approx. 150 large cents in very good condition ranging from 1795 to 1857.

Approx. 50  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents in very good condition.

A number of U.S. Nickels, 3cents and 5cents.

Silver 3cents, half dimes. A collection of U.S. Silver in excellent condition, comprising 20 U.S. Dimes from 1834 to 1858, 5 Twenty cent pieces of 1875, 86 Quarter Dollars from 1825 to 1932, 34 Half Dollars from 1806 to 1925, 17 Dollars from 1798 to 1904. Besides 50  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢/ One Cent Pieces in fair condition, 50 HardTimes Tokens and Cards, a number of U.S. Medals.

Swedish: A very carefully assorted collection, in excellent condition of about 300 Silver and Copper Coins and Medals.

Canadian: A sizeable collection of Copper and Silver Coins and Tokens.

American Colonial: About a dozen Mass., Conn., and New Jersey Coppers.

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A number of U.S. Goldpieces of One Dollar and Three Dollar denom.

Foreign: Several hundred of Silver and Copper Coins.

It is impossible,,dear Mr. Wood, to give you now an adequate description of my late husband's collection. Mr. Bienenfeld, who expects to have an opportunity to see you in my behalf during the week of July 11, intends to take along with him the American collection for your inspection, and to have,regarding the rest of the collection, lists ready which will convey to you a more adequate idea regarding the contents, than I could possibly give in this letter.

A kind and early reply to my letter will be highly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

*Annie Carlstrom*

July 7, 1937

Mrs. Gideon Carlstrom,  
158 Smith Street,  
Edgewood, R. I.

Dear Mrs. Carlstrom:

I would be very glad to meet Mr. Paul Bienenfeld next week after Monday. If by any chance I am not in, my assistant, Mr. Clark, can advise him as well as I.

It would not be necessary to bring in all of the coins. Possibly the large cents and the half cents.

We would not want to put a value on the coins but could have a general talk with Mr. Bienenfeld and advise him probably the best modes of disposing of the coins and who to see.

I remain,

Very sincerely

Curator

HW ks